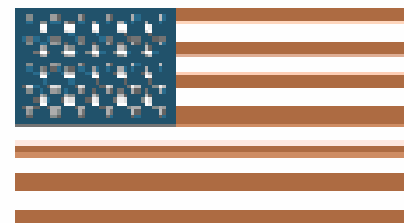
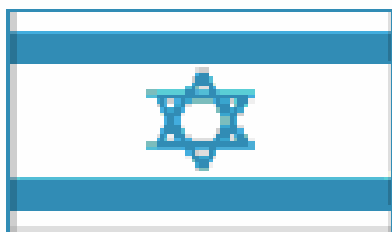




Visiting Israel

A Lesson in Homeland Security



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Pierce County link to Israel



- **January 2004, Washington State Homeland Security Region 5 began to cultivate partnership between Israeli and American responders**
- **In March 2005 the Region 5 Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group held the “Israeli Response to Terrorism Conference”**
- **Invitation then followed to visit Israel**



Day 1







Israeli Police



- **Israeli Defense Force**
 - **Mandatory service at 18 years old**
 - **3 years for males**
 - **2 years for females**
- **Border Police**
 - **Border checkpoint**
 - **Rely on CCTV**
- **National Police**
 - **Police patrol**
 - **Marine patrol**





Hebron

- **Most important industrial center in West Bank**
- **City divided 80% Palestine, 20% Israeli**
- **Tomb of the Patriarchs is thought to lie directly above the underground tombs of Abraham, Isaac, Rebecca and Jacob**
- **Jewish settlement secured with military blockades, patrols, checkpoints and guard towers**
- **We were driven by bullet proof bus and escorted by armed security**









Volunteers

- **Volunteers used extensively in Israel**
 - **Communications**
 - **Community/Human Services**
 - **Body Recovery**
 - **Neighborhood Patrol**
- **The American culture is more resistant to volunteer resources**





Border Security







Bethlehem Checkpoint



- **Drive and walk through check point**
- **Multiple layers of security checks**
- **Rooms for explosive devices**
- **At any point, people can be diverted to secure area or returned to border**







CCTV





Israeli Bomb Squad





Bomb Squad

- **400 bomb technicians**
- **20,000 calls per year**
- **Has 6-month school to train new technicians (200 each year)**
- **Bombs in common packages**
 - **Fruit**
 - **Bird cages**
 - **Car head rests**



Day 3





The Jordan River





St. Peter's House







Magen David Adom – EMS!



- 1500 paid employees
- 12,000 volunteers
- 4,000 youth volunteers
- Scoop and run – on scene for only 3 to 4 minutes
- Armed



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Hadassah Hospital



- **Hospital response coordinators determine number and types of staffing**
- **Staff immediately reassigned**
- **Experienced physician assigned to off-load area for triage**
- **Assign staff member or specially trained volunteer to each incoming patient**
- **All beds convert to ICU beds**
- **All staff cross trained**





Jerusalem – The Old City







Marine Security





Fire Service

- **Jerusalem maintains only 5 fire stations**
- **100 firefighters**
 - 30 per day
 - 15 per shift





Yamam





Yamam



- **Started in 1972**
- **300 members, expected to serve 10 years**
- **Tactical operations normally**
 - **Isolate and contain**
 - **Call and ask for surrender**
 - **CS gas**
 - **Shoot into windows/doors**
 - **Shoot tank rockets into windows**
 - **Have armored bulldozer dismantle structure until surrender happens**



Policy Issues

- **Sharing of resources and intelligence is transparent**
- **Clear established emergency response models**
- **Trauma care seems to function at the exact opposite of currently accepted best practices**
- **Robust response system to ensure psychosocial needs of victims, families and health care workers**





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Thank You

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